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1. IT WILL BE SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE PRESIDENT STROESSNER'S TRAVEL PLANS JELL. LAST NIGHT HE MENTIONED TO ME THAT HE WAS STILL MULLING OVER AN INVITATION TO STOP IN KOREA WHICH WOULD CHANGE THE TIME TABLE. RIGHT NOW HE PLANS ON A GROUP OF 45 INCLUDING HIMSELF AND AT LEAST THREE ARMED SECURITY MEN PLUS A CREW OF 15. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE ALONG HIS SON AND THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE, COMMERCE AND PUBLIC WORKS. THESE PLUS AN ADDITIONAL FIVE GENERALS WILL NEED SY PROTECTION. HE PROMISED TO GIVE ME FINAL PASSENGER LIST AND OTHE REQUESTED DETAILS SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

2. THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED ME CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HE HAS TRANSMITTED TO PRESIDENT STROESSNER AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO STOP IN MEXICO (NOT MEXICO CITY) ON HIS WAY TO LOS ANGELES TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA. TAKING THIS INTO ACCOUNT CONFIDENTIAL

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WE CAN ESTIMATE STROESSNER'S ARRIVAL IN LA SEPTEMBER

20 AND DEPARTURE FOR TAIWAN THE SAME NIGHT. WE SHALL CONFIRM THIS LATER.

3. ON HIS RETURN FLIGHT THE PRESIDENT HOPES TO SPEND ONE MORNING IN LA, POSSIBLY VISITING HOLLYWOOD. THEN HE WANTS TO FLY TO DENVER TO MEET WITH THE US STROESSNER BRANCH. RETURN FLIGHT WILL BE MADE DIRECTLY FROM DENVER. ALTHOUGH THE VISIT WILL BE OF STRICTLY PRIVATE NATURE, WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THE PRESIDENT IS USED TO POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE AND WE HOPE THAT THE GOVERNOR AND COLORADO STATE OFFICIALS WILL EXTEND APPROPRIATE COURTESIES INCLUDING MEETING HIM ON ARRIVAL. I RECOMMEND THE DEPARTMENT EXPLORE THIS WITH STATE OFFICIALS NOW. ACTUAL TRAVEL TIMES WILL BE FURNISHED LATER.

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